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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

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Name of Traveler:	Susan Wheeler			
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July 17, 2019

Susan Wheeler United States Senate Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

We are pleased to invite you to visit the Republic of Mozambique from August 19th through August 28th, 2019, inclusive of travel days.

The purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the critical role that conservation and sound natural resource management play in poverty alleviation, sustainable economic development, and regional security for Mozambique and other developing countries of the world. The mission will focus on both terrestrial and marine conservation and the role of U.S. investment in the region.

We have extended an invitation to the following additional participants to join the delegation:

Jim Risch, U.S. Senator Mrs. Vicki Risch, Sen. Jim Risch Spouse Mr. Michael Crapo, U.S. Senator Mrs. Susan Crapo, Sen. Michael Crapo Spouse

While in Mozambique, the delegation will meet with government officials and leading local and U.S.-based conservation organizations.

Through this mission you will gain a firsthand look at innovative ways that U.S. investment in the region is providing invaluable support to the region's biodiversity conservation and management efforts while strengthening the ability of local people and organizations to manage and conserve species, habitats, and ecological processes, both marine and terrestrial.

The delegation will also learn about important issues relating to Mozambique and southern Africa, including collaboration with nongovernmental organizations, research centers, communities, and other stakeholders, to facilitate the protection of these land- and seascapes. No portion of the course or trip is financed by a lobbyist or a registered foreign agent.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this remarkable part of the world and the efforts that are underway to ensure its conservation for the benefit of local communities and the world at large for this and future generations.



Attached you will find general background information about the International Conservation Caucus Foundation and a brief working itinerary.

We look forward to having you join us.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Weis Program Director

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
X	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
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×	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
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9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	 (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member officer, or employee on any segment of the trip. OR –
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	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
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11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	ICCF identified the topics of the briefings and speakers for this delegation and organized logistics of
	lodging and travel.
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	ICCF educates policymakers on issues of conservation and good natural resource management.
14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:
	ICCF has hosted many congressional trips including attendees from the House and Senate to Brazil,
	Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, the Galapagos, Costa Rica, etc.

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	All expenses are under the maximum per diem rates except for the helicopter access over ecologically				
	sensitive parts of Gorongosa National Park.				
2.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:				
	See Addendum.				
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5.	I hereby <i>certify</i> that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you <i>must</i> include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):				
	Signature of Travel Sponsor:				
	Name and Title: John Gantt, President				
	Name of Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation				
	Address: 1200 Potomac Street NW; Washington, D.C. 20007				
	Telephone Number: 202-471-4222				
	Fax Number:				
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U.S. Congressional Delegation to Mozambique





U.S. Congressional Delegation to The Republic of Mozambique August 19th - August 28th

Day 1: Monday, August 19th

2:40 pm

Arrive at Washington-Dulles Airport (IAD). ICCF staff will meet the delegation and distribute briefing books.

The purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the critical role that conservation and sound natural resource management play in poverty alleviation, sustainable economic development, and regional security for Mozambique and other developing countries of the world and subsequent impacts on the U.S. The U.S. is one of the leading funders of conservation projects in Africa through USAID, multilateral programs, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and it is important that Members of Congress understand how these funds are being used and what is being accomplished. It is also important that they understand the U.S.'s recent responses to illegal wildlife trafficking, as the U.S. is involved politically, legislatively, and financially in addressing this crisis.

Each member of the delegation will receive a briefing book that will cover general topics on Mozambique (historical summary, current economic & political conditions, education, health/AIDS, and other aspects of U.S./Mozambique relationship) and provide detailed information on conservation work and all site visits planned.

Depart IAD for Amsterdam, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (operated by DELTA) Flight 9447

5:45 pm

Day 2: Tuesday, August 20th

7:20 am Arrive in Amsterdam.

10:35 am Depart Amsterdam for Johannesburg, South Africa, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

(operated by DELTA) Flight 9600

9:20 pm Arrives in Johannesburg, South Africa.

10:00 pm Arrive at Sandton Sun Hotel.

Accommodations: Sandton Sun Hotel

Day 3: Wednesday, August 21st

8:30 am Breakfast briefing with ICCF representatives to discuss the parliamentary

conservation caucus model, ICCF's caucus network, and plans to build caucuses in

additional African countries

10:00 am Embassy meetings in Johannesburg, organized directly by U.S. Embassy. Participants

TBC.

12:30 pm Travel to airport for 1:50 pm flight to Maputo, Mozambique

2:50 pm Arrive in Maputo and travel to hotel

6:00 pm Evening and dinner meetings with government officials, including members of

Mozambique's parliamentary conservation caucus, the Minister of Fisheries, and the

Minister of Environment (TBC)

Accommodations: Polana Serena Hotel

Day 4: Thursday, August 22nd

9:00 am Breakfast, with an overview of ICCF by John Gantt, ICCF President

John Gantt will provide an overview of ICCF, its work, and its relationship with the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus. Members of the delegation will also have the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about

meetings the day before.

11:00 am Travel to airport for charter flight to Gorongosa National Park

3:00 pm Arrival at Chitengo in Gorongosa National Park

4:00 pm Briefing with park management and overview of Gorongosa National Park

Briefing by park managers on history of Gorongosa National Park and opportunity to discuss and ask any questions about topics in the briefing book. An overview of conservation and development challenges in Mozambique and Gorongosa will be provided, and the relevance to the development of Mozambique will be discussed.

6:30 pm Dinner briefing with park managers on the role of tourism in Gorongosa

Gorongosa park managers will discuss the role of tourism in Mozambique and Gorongosa and its relationship to conservation. They will also discuss the role of ecotourism in Africa in efforts to balance economic development and conservation, and how this relates to U.S. interests.

Accommodations: Gorongosa National Park

Day 5: Friday, August 23rd

7:30 am

Helicopter flight over Gorongosa National Park to assess park progress, with an overview of initiatives within the park, many of which cannot be reached by vehicle

Gorongosa National Park, in Mozambique, is perhaps Africa's greatest wildlife restoration story: a 20-year Public-Private Partnership between the Government of Mozambique and the Gorongosa Restoration Project, a U.S. non-profit organization. Park managers will highlight various areas and ecosystems within the park and will discuss a range of park initiatives, as well as the model of public/private park restoration and management.

Breakfast, with further discussion of topics introduced during the helicopter flight

Briefing at the E.O.Wilson Biodiversity Lab with lab staff, and presentations about the scientific programs & research activities of the lab

The Edward O. Wilson Laboratory is a research facility at Gorongosa National Park, an important new hub of scientific and educational activity in Mozambique. It has been created to explore, document, and protect biodiversity of Gorongosa National Park as well as to offer research and training opportunities in biodiversity-related fields for students and conservation leaders in Mozambique. The laboratory is named in honor of one of the world's greatest champions of biodiversity conservation, Dr. Edward O. Wilson, who for years has been the leading synergistic force that allowed

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many scientists and conservationists to come together and focus their energy on the restoration projects in Gorongosa.

Goals of the E.O. Wilson Laboratory:

1. Biological Exploration and Monitoring

The E.O. Wilson Laboratory conducts comprehensive surveys of biological diversity of the park in all its ecological zones, habitat types, and most important biological communities. These surveys focus on those groups of multicellular organisms that are of particular importance to the function of the greater Gorongosa ecosystem as well as those that carry the greatest promise of discovery of endemic and new to science species. The results of the surveys and exploratory long-term research projects will create a radical, detailed and dynamic picture of life in Gorongosa, and help guide the national park's restoration efforts.

2. The Synoptic Biodiversity Collection

The Laboratory is home to a permanent synoptic collection of Gorongosa's flora and fauna, the first facility of its kind in any protected area in Africa. The Laboratory will work closely with Mozambique's national institutions towards a comprehensive inventory of biological richness of the country. The Collection will soon include a molecular facility for DNA storage and extraction, intended primarily for processing of genetic material that is prone to rapid deterioration (e.g., scat and other forensic material). The main collection area is climate-controlled, and equipped with modern storage for botanical and zoological specimens; the collection has a comprehensive data management and specimen tracking system, including physical barcoding of specimens.

3. Education of Mozambican conservationists and experts
The Laboratory aims to offer a wide range of educational opportunities to
Mozambican students and conservation leaders. These include workshops on
biodiversity- and conservation-related topics, participation in day-to-day operations
of the Lab and biological surveys organized by the Lab, and being part of a variety of
long-term research projects in the Gorongosa National Park.

4. Media and Outreach

A part of the Laboratory is dedicated to media production and distribution to serve our mission of sharing biodiversity knowledge with scientists, students, and the public. The Laboratory will establish links with institutions in the U.S. and elsewhere to allow us to engage students and the public in our research. Through media partnerships with museums and 3rd level institutions the Laboratory will soon bring research scientists and their work into the public eye through a progressive communication strategy.

Gorongosa's biodiversity programs are partially funded by the Global Environment Facility (which receives funding from the U.S. Government).

12:00 pm

Lunch, with continuation of discussion about the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Lab and opportunity for members of the delegation to ask questions

3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Field briefing within the park on the illegal wildlife trade in Africa and its ramifications for U.S. and regional security

ICCF President John Gantt will lead discussions focusing on the scope and scale of the illegal wildlife trade in Africa and its ramifications for U.S. and regional security. Topics of discussion will include ivory, rhino horn, international criminal syndicates, shell corporations, terrorist involvement, CITES, and the debate as to whether to legalize ivory and rhino horn trade. He will discuss the U.S. response to the poaching crisis, the United States' Conservation Strategy, and its implications to protect threatened lands and species as well as promote development.

7:00 pm

Dinner briefing on the effects of illegal wildlife trafficking within Gorongosa

Park experts will discuss how Gorongosa is affected by illegal wildlife trafficking and its programs to protect biodiversity within the park.

Accommodations: Gorongosa National Park

Day 6: Saturday, August 24th

6:30 - 9:30 am

Visit to Vinho Village

Gorongosa park experts will travel with the delegation to visit a buffer zone village, Vinho, to meet with community members and learn how their lives have been affected by restoration of Gorongosa. Vihno is the site of several USAID-funded projects, and members of the delegation will learn more about how U.S. investment has affected the village and other communities within the area of Gorongosa.

9:30 am

Breakfast briefing on community conservation and wildlife management projects

Park staff will brief the delegation on wildlife management projects within the park, as well as the importance of community conservation to the park and surrounding communities. More than 20 percent of the park's revenue is transferred to the communities, providing a clear incentive for the population to stop unnecessary deforestation and poaching and encouraging them to engage in more sustainable activities.

11:00 am

Visit to the Community Education Center via the Nhambita community to visit an agricultural project

Gorongosa's Community Education Center provides a place where children and adults can come to learn about biodiversity conservation; the design and construction of a wildlife sanctuary and a scientific research center; park operation and maintenance; and research on the biodiversity of the park. Furthermore, the project includes many other activities such as the reforestation of Mount Gorongosa, an Eco-Health program, and community livelihood projects. U.S. support to the Gorongosa Restoration project has included the construction and maintenance of the Community Education Center.

The Nhambita Community Carbon Project is a community partnership for sustainable development, habitat restoration, biodiversity, and climate-change mitigation. This project is focused on the Nhambita community located in the buffer zone of the Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique. The project will help improve the livelihoods of this very poor community by introducing agroforestry systems that will generate significant carbon benefits and carbon finance income. A 10,000hectare portion of the land adjoining the national park will be rehabilitated through initiatives that also create sustainable livelihoods and protect biodiversity. The project will provide fruit, timber, fodder, and fuel wood to the local community and improve soil productivity. In addition, the community will benefit from improved organizational capacity and education and awareness about forest stewardship and conservation, and the introduction of novel income streams through bee-keeping, cane rat production, and craft making. The project is a collaborative venture between the Nhambita Community Association, the Gorongosa National Park, the University of Edinburgh, Envirotrade Limited, the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Management (ECCM) and ICRAF, with grant funding from the European Union and DFID.

Lunch at the Community Education Center, with opportunity to discuss the morning's activities and ask questions.

Visit to Wildlife Sanctuary with briefing on wildlife within the park

Gorongosa's Wildlife Sanctuary is a fenced-off area inside the national park. Initially funded in part by USAID for reintroduction of animals to the park, 30 kilometres of wildlife fencing was erected to create a 6,200-hectare home for new animal arrivals. It straddled different habitats to fulfill the different seasonal requirements of the animals. Within this "safe zone," animals had lots of offspring and increased their numbers faster than they would "in the wild." The blue wildebeest more than doubled their population in just a few years, and buffalo increased 50%. There were some unforeseen additional benefits: populations of animals already living in the area of the Sanctuary also increased thanks to the extra protection afforded by the fence. Sable, reedbuck, impala, kudu and oribi all rebounded faster that they would have outside the Sanctuary. In 2014, park wardens

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began removing the fence to allow the reintroduced animals to disperse freely around the park. A smaller sanctuary is now in place to focus on boosting numbers of certain rare species. Members of the delegation will learn about the reintroduction and breeding program, as well as how U.S. investment played a role in this initiative.

6:00 pm

Dinner briefing with park rangers and ICCF President on balancing land use

Park rangers will brief the delegation on the balance needed between agriculture, domestic livestock, protection of biodiversity & habitat, and tourism affecting Mozambique, the region, and Africa. ICCF President John Gantt will discuss how the U.S. is affected by African land use.

Accommodations: Gorongosa National Park

Day 7: Sunday, August 25th

6:00 am Light breakfast

6:30 am

Visit to coffee project, with briefing on agriculture and its role in conservation and development

The delegation will travel with park experts to the slopes of Mount Gorongosa to visit the site of coffee crops, which play a critical role in protecting the park's most vital resource—the water that flows from the mountain. Lake Urema and most of the park rivers do not dry up during the long and increasingly hot dry season. They continue to provide habitat and drinking water, because water continues to flow year-round from Mount Gorongosa. Its rainforest acts like a sponge, soaking up rainfall during the wet season and then steadily releasing it during the long dry season. That flow helps maintain the overall water table in the salad bowl. Water from the mountain, then, is the lifeblood of the Gorongosa ecosystem. However, the mountain's hardwood rainforest has been reduced by clear-cutting and the planting of food crops, such as maize. Without the trees, the mountain retains less water and the soil washes away. The maize crops do not fare well for long, and then more forest gets cut down. In order to motivate farmers to stop destruction of the mountain rainforest, the Gorongosa Restoration Project identified an alternative crop that was more valuable than maize and was compatible with the regrowth of the forest: shade-grown coffee.

The Gorongosa Restoration Project has established a nursery on the slope of Mount Gorongosa where coffee plants are grown to provide food and income to the farmers. In addition to coffee plants, hardwood rainforest trees are planted on each hectare that will eventually shade each orchard. In the long run, the Gorongosa Restoration Project hopes to reforest a large section of the mountain while establishing a thriving

coffee business, meeting the imperatives of both conservation and human development.

Gorongosa experts will brief the delegation on the role of coffee in preserving the park's rainforests, how agriculture can work to benefit rather than inhibit conservation and development, and how U.S. investment in Gorongosa contributed to this project.

1:30 pm

Lunch, with opportunity to ask questions and discuss the morning's field briefing.

2:30 pm

Field visit to learn about Mount Gorongosa's unique biodiversity and conservation challenges

Mount Gorongosa, reaching an elevation of 1,863 m, captures moisture floating in off the Indian Ocean and is source of four major rivers: Nhandare, Chitunga, Muera and, most importantly, Vunduzi. These rivers provide water to Gorongosa and all communities surrounding the mountain, and without them life in this part of Africa would fail to thrive. The rivers flow from the mountain in deep, forested ravines. Some form spectacular waterfalls on the slopes of the mountain, the largest being Murombodzi Falls, over 100 m high, and a series of smaller waterfalls are formed by the waters of the Vunduzi River as it flows eastwards towards Lake Urema.

The delegation will travel into the park with rangers to learn more about Mount Goròngosa and the impact that it has on the surrounding biodiversity and communities. They will also discuss plant and animal species that live on the mountain and conservation challenges unique to the mountain ecosystem.

7:00 pm

Dinner briefing on the importance of conservation to U.S. interests

ICCF President John Gantt will discuss the economic development & national security importance of good natural resource management to developing economies as well as the importance of access to resources & dependable supply chains to the U.S. and other global economies. Natural Resource Wealth ManagementTM and its effect on local and national economies in Africa and other parts of the world will be discussed, as well as examples provided where conservation efforts were not implemented. Focus will be made on the efficacy of public-private partnerships involving other governments, multilateral financial institutions, development & conservation NGOs, and multinational & local corporations.

Accommodations: Gorongosa National Park

Day 8: Monday, August 26th

6:30 - 9:30 am

Walking tour of park with field briefing on human/wildlife conflict by ICCF President John Gantt

Human-wildlife conflict is a serious obstacle to wildlife conservation worldwide and is becoming more prevalent as human populations increase, development expands, and other human and environmental factors put people and wildlife in greater direct competition for a shrinking resource base. The delegation will learn about cost-effective solutions to mitigating these conflicts, as well as ways in which conservation benefits humans living in proximity to parks and protected areas. The delegation will learn about conflict flashpoints, as well as cost-effective solutions to mitigating these conflicts. They will also learn about how this conflict impacts human communities and why this matters to the U.S.

12:00 pm

Lunch briefing on The ICCF Group's parliamentary caucus and conservation governance programs with ICCF President John Gantt

John Gantt will lead a discussion on parliamentary caucuses abroad, The ICCF Group's activities in Africa over past few years, and the role of the caucuses in addressing wildlife trafficking, forestry, and other conservation issues.

3:00 - 6:30 pm

Field briefing on END Wildlife Trafficking Act and other U.S. conservation legislation

ICCF President John Gantt will discuss the U.S.'s recently passed END Wildlife Trafficking Act and its implications for Botswana, the region, Africa, and the U.S. He will also discuss other U.S. initiatives to combat wildlife trafficking, as well as international efforts to reduce demand for illegal wildlife products. He will further discuss other recent U.S. conservation legislation, for example, the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act and the recently introduced Save our Seas Act.

Accommodations: Gorongosa National Park

Day 9: Tuesday, August 27th

Morning Breakfast and wrapup

10:00 am Depart Gorongosa National Park for Beira, Mozambique

1:30 pm Depart Beira, Mozambique for Johannesburg, South Africa on South African Airways

Flight 8215

3:20 pm Arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa

11:15 pm Depart Johannesburg, South Africa for Amsterdam. KLM Royal Dutch Airways

(operated by DELTA) Flight 9470

Day 10: Wednesday, August 28th

10:20 am Arrive at Amsterdam International Airport.

1:20 pm Depart Amsterdam for Washington IAD. KLM Royal Dutch Airways (operated by

DELTA) Flight 9384

3:40 pm Arrive at Washington IAD.

Senate Ethics Addendum

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Michael Crapo, U.S. Senator
Susan Crapo, Michael Crapo Spouse
Jim Risch, U.S. Senator
Vicki Risch, Jim Risch Spouse
Susan Wheeler, Chief of Staff, Senator Michael Crapo

22. Business class is provided for international flights to and from Johannesburg. Charter is provided direct flight to Gorongosa for time and safety reasons.